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Further to a telephone call with Examiner Apple on April 25, 2007, Applicants submit the following proposed amendments.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.